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DISPATCH NO. 100-A-10075

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TO : Chief, Foreign Division "M"

DATE: 18 September 1951

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - Operational

DRZEINIECKI, Franciszek

~~SECRET~~ - Dropping of CALAMITOUS 1

Reference: ~~SECRET~~ 100-A-9956, 100-A-10075

1. In para 2b of first reference some doubt was expressed about the reliability of CALAMITOUS 1. We had decided to put him on the CARMAC before using him further. This was done at the beginning of June and since the results were favorable, we were once again doubtful as to whether we should continue to employ him or drop him. During June and the early part of July, CALAMITOUS 1 was kept busy delivering letters to various addresses in the DDR, buying clothing in the HCs and following up on the leads which he was to pass to us. In mid-July CALAMITOUS 1 was given the KVOE test, the results of which have not yet been received. Subsequently, an assessment was made of the man by [] the result of which is sent as Attachment 1 to this dispatch. The opinion expressed in this confirmed to a tee our worst fears about CALAMITOUS 1, and we therefore decided to drop him without further ado.

2. Consequently, CALAMITOUS 1 was informed that we had received instructions from Washington that his further employment was not authorized. He had long since admitted his delinquencies, but, of course, when he was told that he would be dropped, he protested that he had turned over a new leaf. He was told that the decision had been made and could not be revoked. CALAMITOUS 1 showed no bitterness and gave no indication that he would be difficult, but in order to sugar the parting and leave him in our debt, he was paid his August and September salary. This made him very happy, and he gladly signed the quitclaim (see 100-A-10075).

3. CALAMITOUS 1 was warned against talking about his relationship with the Americans. He was told that it would be personally painful to the undersigned to be forced to take measures to assure his silence if he showed that he could not hold his tongue. It's a fair bet that CALAMITOUS 1 will not be too indiscreet because, as was pointed out to him, his livelihood depends on illegal transactions which are known to us; ergo, he is in a very poor position to incite our wrath.

4. Before we decided to dispense with the services of CALAMITOUS 1, he ^{APM} claimed he could buy 20,000 zlotys at 5 zlotys for 1 Mark for us (see BRUEF 1432). At the end of August CALAMITOUS 1 sold us 340 zlotys at this rate but assured us that he would soon have the remainder of the 20,000. We have reason to believe

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that CALAMITOUS 1 is not in contact with a great black marketer on the matter of these zlotys as he claims to be. It is more likely that he buys and sells on street corners and in cafes like any other petty black marketer. We do not intend to continue the contact if he can supply only piddling amounts, but if he can get us currencies we want at the right price, we see no harm in using his services.

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